

Remarks

By this Amendment, claims 15, 17, 18, 44, 46, and 47 are amended, claims 1-12, 20-32, 40-43, and 48-53 are canceled, new claims 54-58 are added, and all other claims are unchanged. After entry of this Amendment, claims 13-19, 33-39, 44-47, and 54-58 are pending in the present application.

Applicants traverse the rejections of claims 1-12, 15-32, 40-43, and 46-53. These claims have been canceled or amended to facilitate prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims in a continuing application.

Applicants thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 13, 14, and 33-39 are allowed, and that claims 44 and 45 are objected to for depending from a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 15, 17, and 18 have been amended so as to depend from allowed claim 13. Claims 16 and 19 now depend indirectly from allowed claim 13. Thus, claims 15-19 also should be allowed.

Claim 44 has been rewritten in independent form incorporating all of the limitations of the claim as previously presented and should now be allowed. Claim 45 depends from claim 44 and should be allowed. Claims 46 and 47 have been amended so as to depend from claim 44 and therefore should be allowed.

New claims 54-58 are like canceled and rejected claims 8-12, but depend directly or indirectly from allowed claim 13 and therefore should be allowed.


The present application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any further issues remain concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned to discuss such matters.

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